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MEMORANDUM: Responses To Iraqi Withdrawal Proposals

Coalition responses to any Iraqi offer to withdraw from Kuwait should be structured to accomplish two immediate objectives:

- o Make it difficult for Iraq to fight in the Kuwait Theater of Operations (the KTO as designated by U.S. forces lies south of 31° N) if it changes its mind; and
- o Reassert Kuwaiti control over the instruments and symbols of power and control in Kuwait as quickly as possible.

The following actions meet these criteria and are verifiable initially through technical means and eventually through on-site inspection. Many of these responses are directed at the Kuwait Theater of Operations, part of which is Iraq proper. Demands by the U.S. for Iraq to accede to limitations on force deployments in southern Iraq will be particularly difficult for Saddam to accept. Iraqi forces in southern Iraq would pose a greater threat to Kuwait and coalition forces, but most of these responses could also be aimed at Kuwait alone rather than the KTO.

IMMEDIATE

- No use of air defense or coastal defense acquisition or fire control radars in the KTO.
- Removal of all Iraqi combat aircraft from air bases in the KTO.
- No combat aircraft overflight of KTO.
- No new construction of defensive positions.
- Disarming of all explosives in Kuwaiti oil fields and facilities.
- Unrestricted coalition reconnaissance flights over Kuwait.
- Free all Kuwaiti prisoners in Iraqi hands.

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48 HOURS

- Remove all Iraqi troops from Kuwait City, to be replaced by Kuwaiti or coalition forces. Equipment that cannot be removed should be abandoned in place and may be returned at the discretion of the Government of Kuwait. (This stipulation should apply to all equipment that cannot be removed by the set deadline.)
- Withdraw all Iraqi forces from coastal highway and beach defenses between Kuwait City and Saudi Arabia.
- Allow Kuwaiti or coalition forces to establish traffic control points on coastal highway.
- Remove all surface-to-surface missiles (FROG, SCUD and SILKWORM) from below 31°.
- Remove all Iraqi forces from Bubiyan, Warbah and Faylakah islands.
- Remove all personnel from Burgan oil field complex after disarming any explosives and dismantle pipelines to fire trenches. Admit forces and technical personnel from Kuwaiti or coalition.
- Begin preparation to remove armored and mechanized brigades of the Republican Guards Forces Command (RGFC) from current locations. All armored vehicles moved from revetments.
- Remove all artillery pieces from firing positions and assemble in bivouac areas. Prepare to remove from Kuwait.
- Begin preparation to remove all regular army armored and mechanized brigades from current positions. All armored vehicles moved from revetments.
- Open air lanes to Kuwait International Airport.
- Remove all surface-to-air missiles (SA-2, SA-3, SA-6, SA8/9, Roland) from Kuwait.
- Open sea lanes to Kuwaiti sea ports.
- Allow coalition naval combatants to enter Kuwaiti harbors.
- Return all Kuwaiti vessels captured by Iraq to ports in Kuwait.
- Move tankers suspected of being used for beach defenses to Umm Qasr or offshore terminal at Mina al Bakr.
- All Iraqi Naval vessels return to Umm Qasr.

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96 HOURS

- All three Republican Guard armored and mechanized divisions moved north of 31⁰. Units formerly garrisoned north of 31⁰ must return to garrison. Those formerly garrisoned south of 31⁰ must move to designated areas north of that line.
- All regular army armored and mechanized brigades should prepare for speedy removal from Kuwait.
- Allow Kuwaiti or coalition forces to establish traffic control points on highway between Kuwait City and Kuwait-Iraq border.
- Remove all Iraqi personnel from all other Kuwaiti oil fields after disarming any explosives. Admit forces and technical personnel from Kuwaiti or coalition.
- Display all strategic weapons in open areas in staging facilities to allow U.S to monitor absence of aggressive intentions.

7 DAYS

- All artillery over 100mm removed from Kuwait.
- Regular army armored and mechanized brigades removed to north of 31⁰. Units formerly garrisoned north of 31⁰ must return to garrison. Those formerly garrisoned south of 31⁰ must move to designated areas north of that line.
- Selected infantry units should move under Kuwaiti or coalition supervision to designated airfields for repatriation to Iraq by air.
- All infantry units move to north of 29⁰ and west of 47-30⁰. This moves Iraqi forces into the northwest quadrant of Kuwait.

10 DAYS

- All infantry units move to bivouacs north of 29-30⁰ and west of 47-30⁰.

14 DAYS

- All infantry units move to bivouacs north of 29-45⁰ and west of 47-30⁰.
- Repatriation of all captured Kuwaiti military equipment, including aircraft, surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles.
- Repatriation of all captured Iraqi civilian aircraft and naval vessels.

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